

## Iowa Is Short 35,000 Houses, Says Panel

**Crowded Conditions Have  
Become Menace to Health,  
Housing Committee Is Told**

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 12.—A home shortage in Iowa was estimated at 35,000 dwellings by M. H. Searles, housing committee member, today at a hearing conducted by the United States Senate Committee on Reconstruction. He said some estimates ran as high as 50,000. Crowded conditions in the homes, because of the menace to health, he asserted, had caused the high rate of deaths of dwellings and high rates of disease. "I have seen families that have been crowded into one room," he testified, "and I have seen families that have been crowded into one room."

He said the committee has been told that the situation is so bad that the government is considering the possibility of building new homes.

vacant and city homes remain. Community funds and an increased number of city-owned homes may have helped spread the burden of congested sections in that city.

Moreno was said to be "extremely interested in the housing needs of all parts of the country, in particular, the country's inner cities, as a result of the land boom, and also an attempt to curb speculation in stocks in Chicago."

The two ways of stimulating home building were suggested in response to committee's questions. The proper tax exemption of newly built homes was one way, and the other was suggested that suggestion. Another suggestion was by Mr. Sands, and a state legislation program of community units to organize official housing units, and to be supervised by state and national boards.

## Architects Discuss Build

Members of the New York State Association of Architects met in conference yesterday to devise means to remedy the housing shortage. Although the session lasted several hours, no definite program was adopted.

Reports of conditions in the building industry were given by representatives of architects, contractors, subcontractors and laborers and a plan was made for fuller cooperation among the forces.

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